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Stenographer Grade 'C' & 'D' Examination, 2024

Dates for submission of online applications	26.07.2024 to 17.08.2024
Last date and time for receipt of online applications	17.08.2024 (2300 hours)
Last date and time for making online fee payment	18.08.2024 (2300 hours)
Date of 'Window for Application Form Correction' and online payment of Correction Charges.	27.08.2024 to 28.08.2024. (2300 hours)
Schedule of Computer Based Examination	October - November, 2024
Toll-Free Helpline Number to be called in case of any difficulty in filling up the Online Application Form	1800 309 3063

“GOVERNMENT STRIVES TO HAVE A WORKFORCE WHICH REFLECTS GENDER BALANCE AND WOMAN CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.”

F.No.:E/7/2024-C-2 SECTION (E-9267): The Staff Selection Commission will hold an Open Competitive Computer Based Examination for direct recruitment to the posts of Stenographer Grade 'C' (Group 'B', Non-Gazetted) and Stenographer Grade 'D' (Group 'C') in various Ministries/Departments/Organizations including their Attached offices, Subordinate offices and Statutory bodies of the Government of India located in various States and Union Territories. Only those candidates who have skills in stenography are eligible to apply.

2. Vacancy

2.1 Tentative vacancies: There are approx. 2006 vacancies. However, firm number of vacancies will be determined in due course. Updated vacancies, if any, along with post-wise & category-wise vacancies will be made available on the website of the Commission (<https://ssc.gov.in>> For Candidates > Tentative Vacancy) in due course. Candidates may note that State-wise/ Zone-wise vacancies are not collected by the Commission.

3. Reservation

- 3.1 Reservation will be provided for the Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBC), Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), Ex-servicemen (ESM) and Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD), etc. as per extant Govt. Orders.
- 3.2 Vacancies for ESM are reserved for only Group "C" post (Stenographer Grade 'D').
- 3.3 The posts of Stenographer Grade 'C' & 'D', included in this notice of examination have been identified suitable for following disabilities by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), M/o Social Justice and Empowerment *vide* Notification No. 38-16/2020-DDIII dated 04.01.2021 and as amended from time to time.

Name of Post	Functional Requirement	Suitable Category of Benchmark Disability
Stenographer Grade 'C'	S, ST, W, BN, RW, SE, H, C	a) B, LV b) D, HH c) OA, OL, BL, OAL, CP, LC, Dw, AAV, SD (Spinal Deformity) & SI(Spinal Injury) without neurological/limb dysfunction. d) ASD, SLD, MI e) MD involving (a) to (d) above
Stenographer Grade 'D'	S, ST, W, BN, RW, SE, H, C	a) B, LV b) HH c) OA, OL, OAL, CP, LC, Dw, AAV, MDy, SD (Spinal Deformity) & SI(Spinal Injury) without neurological/limb dysfunction. d) ASD (M), ID, SLD, MI e) MD involving (a) to (d) above

ABBREVIATION USED:

FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENT: S-Sitting, ST-Standing, W-Walking, BN-Bending, RW-Reading & Writing, SE-Seeing, H-Hearing, C-Communication.

NATURE OF PHYSICAL DISABILITIES: B-Blind, LV-Low Vision, D-Deaf, HH- Hard of Hearing, OA-One Arm Affected, OL-One Leg Affected, BL-Both Leg Affected, OAL-One Arm and One Leg Affected, CP-Cerebral Palsy, LC-Leprosy Cured, Dw-Dwarfism, AAV-Acid Attack Victims, SD-Spinal Deformity, SI-Spinal Injury, MDy- Muscular Dystrophy, ASD- Autism Spectrum Disorder (M- Mild, MoD-Moderate) ID- Intellectual Disability, SLD- Specific Learning Disability, MI- Mental Illness, MD-Multiple Disabilities.

Note:- The suitability of posts for Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD) indicated in the above table shall be subject to exemption, if any, obtained by indenting Ministries/Departments/Organizations including their Attached offices, Subordinate offices and Statutory bodies of the Government of India.

- 3.4 The Commission makes the selection of candidates in accordance with the vacancies reported by the User Departments for various posts. The Commission does not have any role in deciding the number of vacancies of any User Department. Implementation of reservation policy, maintaining reservation roster and earmarking of vacancies for different categories are under the domain of the User Departments.
- 3.5 The requirements of Physical Efficiency Test, Physical and Medical Standards for the Posts in Border Roads Organization (BRO) are annexed at **Annexure-XV**. Candidates applying for the post(s) in BRO must satisfy themselves that they fulfill aforesaid standards. The candidates may note that post(s) once allocated as per merit-cum-preference given by the candidates will not be changed subsequently due to failure of the candidates to qualify in these Standards. **It is reiterated that the candidates applying for the post(s) in Border Roads Organization (BRO) should cautiously go through the physical and medical standards required by BRO. The Staff Selection Commission shall not make re-allocation for those candidates whose candidature is cancelled on the ground of non-fulfillment of physical and medical standards.**
- 3.6 **Only male candidates are eligible for the post of Stenographer Grade 'D' in the Border Roads Organization (BRO).**
4. **Nationality/Citizenship:**
- 4.1 A candidate must be either:
- 4.1.1 a citizen of India, or
 - 4.1.2 a subject of Nepal, or
 - 4.1.3 a subject of Bhutan, or
 - 4.1.4 a person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania (Formerly Tanganyika and Zanzibar), Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India.
- 4.2 Provided that a candidate belonging to categories 4.1.2, 4.1.3 and 4.1.4 above shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government of India.
- 4.3 A candidate in whose case a certificate of eligibility is necessary may be admitted to the examination but the offer of appointment will be given only after the necessary eligibility certificate has been issued to him by the Government of India.
5. **Age Limit (as on 01.08.2024) & Age Relaxation:**
- 5.1 The crucial date for age reckoning is fixed as 01-08-2024 in accordance with the provisions of DoP&T OM No. 14017/70/87-Estt.(RR) dated 14-07-1988. The age limits for the posts as per the Recruitment Rules of various User Departments are:

5.1.1 Stenographer Grade 'C': **18 to 30 years** as on **01.08.2024**, *i.e.*, candidates born not before **02.08.1994** and not later than **01.08.2006** are eligible to apply.

5.1.2 Stenographer Grade 'D': **18 to 27 years** as on **01.08.2024**, *i.e.*, Candidates born not before **02.08.1997** and not later than **01.08.2006** are eligible to apply.

5.2 Permissible relaxation in upper age limit and category codes for claiming age relaxation are as follows:

Code No.	Category	Age-relaxation permissible beyond the upper age limit /age limit after relaxation
01	SC/ ST	5 years
02	OBC	3 years
03	PwD (Unreserved)	10 years
04	PwD (OBC)	13 years
05	PwD (SC/ ST)	15 years
06	Ex-Servicemen (ESM)	03 years after deduction of the military service rendered from the actual age as on closing date of receipt of online application.
08	Defence Personnel disabled in operation during hostilities with any foreign country or in a disturbed area and released as a consequence thereof	03 years
09	Defence Personnel disabled in operation during hostilities with any foreign country or in a disturbed area and released as a consequence thereof (SC/ST)	08 years
Permissible relaxation in upper age limit for Group 'C' posts only		
10	Central Govt. Civilian Employees: Who have rendered not less than 3 years regular and continuous service as on closing date for receipt of online applications.	Up to 40 years of age
11	Central Govt. Civilian Employees: Who have rendered not less than 3 years regular and continuous service as on closing date for receipt of online applications. (SC/ ST)	Up to 45 years of age
12	Widows/ Divorced Women/Women judicially separated and who are not remarried.	Up to 35 years of age
13	Widows/Divorced Women/Women judicially separated and who are not remarried (SC/ST)	Up to 40 years of age

- 5.3 Date of Birth filled by the candidate in the online application form and the same recorded in the Matriculation/Secondary Examination Certificate will be accepted by the Commission for determining the age and no subsequent changes will be accepted or granted.
- 5.4 Ex-servicemen (ESM) who have already secured employment in civil side under Government in Group 'C' & 'D' posts on regular basis after availing of the benefits of reservation given to ex-servicemen for their re-employment are not eligible for reservation in ESM category and fee concession. However, he/she can avail of the benefit of reservation as an ex- serviceman for subsequent employment if he/she immediately after joining civil employment, has given self- declaration/ undertaking to the concerned employer about the date- wise details of applications for various vacancies which he/she had applied for before joining the initial civil employment as mentioned in the OM No. 36034/1/2014- Estt (Res) dated 14th August 2014 issued by DoP&T.
- 5.5 The period of "Call up Service" of an Ex-serviceman in the Armed Forces shall also be treated as service rendered in the Armed Forces for purpose of age relaxation as per rules.
- 5.6 For any serviceman of the three Armed Forces of the Union to be treated as Ex-Serviceman for the purpose of securing the benefits of reservation, he/she must have already acquired, at the relevant time of submitting his / her application for the Post/Service the status of Ex- Servicemen otherwise than by way of 'dismissal or discharge on account of misconduct or inefficiency' or be in a position to establish his / her acquired entitlement by documentary evidence from the competent authority that he/she would complete specified term of engagement from the Armed Forces within the stipulated period of one year from the closing date for receipt of applications. Such candidates must also acquire the status of an Ex- Serviceman within the stipulated period of one year from the closing date of receipt of applications.
- 5.7 **Explanation:** An 'ex-serviceman' means a person-
- 5.7.1 Who has served in any rank whether as a combatant or non-combatant in the Regular Army, Navy or Air Force of the Indian Union, and
- 5.7.1.1 who either has been retired or relieved or discharged from such service whether at his own request or being relieved by the employer after earning his or her pension; or
- 5.7.1.2 who has been relieved from such service on medical grounds attributable to military service or circumstances beyond his control and awarded medical or other disability pension; or
- 5.7.1.3 who has been released from such service as a result of reduction in establishment; or
- 5.7.2 who has been released from such service after completing the specific period of engagement, otherwise than at his own request, or by way of dismissal, or discharge on account of misconduct or inefficiency and has been given a gratuity, and includes personnel of the Territorial Army namely, pension holders for continuous embodied service or broken spells of qualifying service; or
- 5.7.3 personnel of the Army Postal Service who are part of Regular Army and retired from the Army Postal Service without reversion to their parent service with pension, or are released from the Army Postal service on medical grounds attributable to or aggravated by military service or circumstance beyond their control and awarded medical or other disability pension; or

- 5.7.4 Personnel, who were on deputation in Army Postal Service for more than six months prior to the 14th April, 1987; or
- 5.7.5 Gallantry award winners of the Armed forces including personnel of territorial Army; or
- 5.7.6 Ex-recruits boarded out or relieved on medical ground and granted medical disability pension.
- 5.8 A Matriculate Ex-Serviceman (which term includes an Ex- Serviceman, who has obtained the Indian Army Special Certificate of education or the corresponding certificate in the Navy or the Air Force), who has put in not less than 15 years of service as on closing date with Armed Forces of the Union shall be considered eligible only for appointment to the Group 'C' posts of Stenographer Grade 'D' against the posts reserved for Ex-Servicemen. Thus, those Non-Graduate Ex-Servicemen who have not completed 15 years of service as on the last date for receipt of applications or would not complete 15 years of service within one year from the closing date of receipt of applications are not eligible for any post.
- 5.9 **Age relaxation is not admissible to sons, daughters and dependents of ex-servicemen. Therefore, such candidates should not indicate their category as ex-servicemen.**

6. **Process of certification and format of certificates:**

- 6.1 Candidates who wish to be considered against reserved vacancies or seek age-relaxation must submit requisite certificate from the competent authority, in the prescribed format when such certificates are sought by concerned Indenting Organizations/Offices at the time of document verification or at any stage by the concerned Authority. Otherwise, their claim for SC/ST/OBC/EWS/PwBD/ESM will not be entertained and their candidature will be cancelled. The formats of the certificates are **annexed** with the Notice of this Examination. The certificate of disability issued under the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 (1 of 1996) will also be valid.
- 6.2 Candidates are cautioned that they must ensure that they belong to the category as filled up in the application form and are able to prove the same by furnishing the requisite certificate issued by the competent authority when such certificates are sought by concerned User Organizations/Offices at the time of document verification or at any stage by the concerned Authority, failing which the candidature of the candidate will be cancelled. **If the candidature of a candidate is cancelled by the User Organization/Office/concerned Authority for non-furnishing of the requisite certificate in support of the category filled up in the application form, the candidate would be solely responsible for the same and the Commission will not have any responsibility. Any grievance received in this regard in any form like Post, Fax, Email, by hand, etc. shall not be entertained by the Commission and will be summarily rejected.**
- For example, a candidate X filled OBC in his application form. If X is unable to produce the OBC certificate as per the notice of examination at the time of Document verification or at any stage before the User Organization/Office or the concerned Authority, in such circumstances, candidature of X will be cancelled and X will have no claim for consideration of his/her candidature under any other category.*
- 6.3 The candidates with benchmark disabilities (PwBD) may note that they must select the appropriate PwBD category i.e. OH/HH/VH/PwBD-Others, while filling up the application form as per their certificate of disability issued by the competent authority. No subsequent changes of PwBD category will be allowed

under any circumstances. Such candidates shall have to furnish the requisite certificate issued by the competent authority as declared in the Application Form when such certificates are sought by concerned User Organizations/Offices at the time of document verification, failing which their candidature will be cancelled. It may be noted that sub-category/sub-categories of disability/disabilities (such as OA, OL, BL, Dw, MI, SLD etc.), as indicated in the Notification No. 38- 16/2020-DD-III dated 04.01.2021 issued by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, should be clearly mentioned by the competent authority issuing the disability certificate. If the candidature of a candidate is cancelled by the User Organization/Offices for non-furnishing of the requisite certificate in support of the PwBD claim then grievances, if any in this regard may be taken up with the User Department. The Commission will not entertain such grievances.

- 6.4 Crucial date for claim of SC/ST/OBC/EWS/PwBD/ESM status or any other benefit, viz., fee concession, reservation, age-relaxation, etc, where not specified otherwise, will be the closing date for receipt of online applications, i.e. 17.08.2024.
- 6.5 A person seeking appointment on the basis of reservation to OBC must ensure that he does not fall in creamy layer on the crucial date.
- 6.6 A person seeking appointment on the basis of reservation to EWS must ensure that he/she possesses the Income & Asset certificate valid for the financial year **2024-25** issued on the basis of income for the financial year **2023-24** in accordance with the DoP&T OM No. 36039/1/2019-Estt(Res.) dated 31.01.2019.
- 6.7 Candidates may also note that their candidature will remain provisional until the veracity of the certificates/documents relating to the Educational Qualifications, Caste/Category, etc. is verified and found satisfactory by the Appointing Authority. Candidates are cautioned that they will be debarred from the examinations conducted by the Commission in case they fraudulently claim the status of SC/ST/OBC/EWS/PwBD/ESM.

7. **Provision of Compensatory Time and assistance of scribe:**

- 7.1 In case of persons with benchmark disabilities in the category of blindness, locomotor disability (both arms affected-BA) and cerebral palsy, the facility of scribe is provided, if desired by the candidate. **Since the posts are not identified suitable for persons with BA disability, therefore facility of Scribe will not be admissible to such candidates.**
- 7.2 In case of remaining categories of persons with benchmark disabilities, the provision of scribe will be available on production of a certificate at the time of examination to the effect that the person concerned has physical limitation to write, and scribe is essential to write examination on his/ her behalf, from the Chief Medical Officer/Civil Surgeon/Medical Superintendent of a Government health care institution as per proforma at **Annexure-I**.
- 7.3 The facility of scribe will also be provided to PwD candidates having disability less than 40% and having difficulty in writing in pursuance to OM No. 29-6/2019-DD-III dated 10.08.2022 issued by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The facility will be provided on production of certificate as per **Annexure-IA**.
- 7.4 The facility of scribe/ passage reader will be provided to a PwBD/PwD candidate only if he/she has opted for the same in the online application form.
- 7.5 The candidate will have the discretion of opting for his/ her own scribe or the facility of scribe provided by the Commission. Appropriate choice in this regard will have to be given by the candidate in the online application form.
- 7.6 In case the candidate opts for his own scribe, the qualification of the scribe should be one step below the qualification of the candidate taking the examination. The candidates with benchmark disabilities (PwBD) opting for own scribe shall be required to submit details of

the own scribe at the time of examination as per proforma at **Annexure-II**. The candidates with disabilities (PwD) eligible for scribe as per **para 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3** above and opting for own scribe shall be required to submit details of the own scribe at the time of examination as per proforma at **Annexure-IIA**. In addition, the scribe has to produce a valid ID proof [as per list given at **para 16.7**] in original at the time of examination. A photocopy of the ID proof of the scribe signed by the candidate as well as the scribe will be submitted along with proforma at **Annexure-II/Annexure-IIA**. If subsequently it is found that the qualification of the scribe is not as declared by the candidate, then the candidate shall forfeit his right to the post and claims relating thereto.

- 7.7 If a candidate opts for his own scribe, in that case, that scribe should not be a candidate of this examination. If at any stage it is found that a candidate has assisted another PwBD/PwD candidate(s) as Scribe in this examination then the candidature of both the candidates will be cancelled.
- 7.8 A compensatory time of 20 minutes per hour of examination will be provided to the candidates who are allowed use of scribe as described at **para 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3** above.
- 7.9 The candidates referred to at **para 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3** above, who are eligible for getting scribe but not availing the facility of scribe will also be given compensatory time of 20 minutes per hour of examination.
- 7.10 No attendant other than the scribe for eligible candidates will be allowed inside the examination hall.
- 7.11 The PwBD/PwD candidates who have availed of the facility of scribes/passage reader and/ or compensatory time must produce relevant documents for the eligibility of scribe/compensatory time at the time of Document Verification conducted by User Department / Organization or at any other time as may be required. Failure to produce such supporting documents will lead to cancellation of their candidature for the examination.
- 7.12 One eyed candidates and partially blind candidates who are able to read the normal Question Paper set with or without magnifying glass and who wish to write/indicate the answer with the help of magnifying glass will be allowed to use the same in the Examination Hall. Such candidates will have to bring their own magnifying glass to the Examination Hall.

8. **Essential Educational Qualifications (As on 17.08.2024):**

- 8.1 Candidates must have passed 12th standard or equivalent examination from a recognized Board or University as on or before the cut-off date i.e. 17.08.2024.
- 8.2 As per Ministry of Human Resource Development Notification dated 10.06.2015 published in the Gazette of India all the degrees/diplomas/certificates awarded through Open and Distance Learning mode of education by the Universities established by an Act of Parliament or State Legislature, Institutions Deemed to be Universities under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 and Institutions of National Importance declared under an Act of Parliament stand automatically recognized for the purpose of employment to posts and services under the Central Government provided they have been approved by the Distance Education Bureau, University Grants Commission. Accordingly, unless such degrees are recognized for the relevant period when the candidates acquired the qualification, they will not be accepted for the purpose of Educational Qualification. In case of the candidates possessing such degrees/ diplomas/ certificates awarded through Open and Distance Learning mode of education, such candidates shall also produce approval given to the University by the Distance Education Bureau, University Grants Commission for the relevant

- period at the time of Document Verification.
- 8.3 As per University Grants Commission (UGC) (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 published in official Gazette on 23- 06- 2017, under Part-III (8) (v), the programmes in engineering, medicine, dental, nursing, pharmacy, architecture and physiotherapy etc are not permitted to be offered under Open and Distance Learning mode. However, pursuant to the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 11-03-2019 in MA No. 3092/2018 in W.P. (C) No. 382/2018 titled Mukul Kumar Sharma & others Vs AICTE and others, B. Tech. degree/diploma in Engineering awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) to the students who were enrolled up to academic year 2009-10 shall be treated as valid, wherever applicable.
- 8.4 Document Verification (DV) will be conducted by the User Departments/Organizations after declaration of the final result. Candidates will be required to produce the relevant Certificates such as Mark sheets, Provisional Certificates etc. for completion of 12th Standard or equivalent examination in original as proof of having acquired the minimum educational qualification on or before the stipulated date, when such certificates are sought by Indenting Departments/ Organizations concerned for the purpose of document verification. Otherwise, their candidature will be cancelled.
- 8.5 The candidates who are able to prove, by documentary evidence, that the result of the qualifying examination was declared on or before the cut-off date and he has been declared passed, will also be considered to meet the educational qualification. It is reiterated that the result of required educational qualification must have been declared by the Board by the specified date. Mere processing of the result by the Board by the crucial cut-off date does not fulfill the EQ requirement.
- 8.6 Candidates possessing equivalent educational qualification shall also produce relevant Equivalence Certificate from the authorities concerned at the time of Document Verification. However, final decision regarding selection of such candidates will be taken by the User Departments/ Appointing Authorities concerned.

9. **How to apply**

- 9.1 Applications must be submitted only in online mode at the new website of SSC Headquarters; i.e., <https://ssc.gov.in>. For detailed instructions, please refer to **Annexure-III** and **Annexure-IV** of this Notice. Sample proforma of One-time Registration and online Application Forms are attached as **Annexure-IIIA** and **Annexure-IVA**.
- 9.2 All the candidates who wish to apply in response to this Notice and have not generated their One-Time Registration (OTR) on the new website (<https://ssc.gov.in>) will be required to do so as the earlier OTR generated on the old website (<https://ssc.nic.in>) will not be functional for the new website. Subsequent to OTR, the candidates can proceed to fill the application for the examination. Once an OTR has been generated on the new website, it will continue to remain valid for all the examinations to be applied for on the new website. The detailed instructions for OTR are given in Annexure-III to this Notice.
- 9.3 For applying, the candidate is not required to have a pre-existing photograph of himself / herself. The application module has been designed to capture a photograph of the candidate filling up the application form. For this purpose, the candidate has to stand / sit before the camera of the computer/mobile phone when prompted by the application module and follow the following instructions while capturing live photograph:
- (i) Find a place with good light and plain background.
 - (ii) Ensure the camera is at eye level before taking the photo.
 - (iii) Position himself directly in front of the camera and look straight ahead.

- (iv) Ensure that his face is fully inside the red rectangular area delineated by the camera and that it is neither too close nor too far. It should cover the area fully and no part of the face should be outside the rectangle.
- (v) Candidates shouldn't wear a cap, mask or glasses/ spectacles while capturing the photo.
- 9.4 The appearance of a candidate in the examination should be as per the photograph in the application form. The candidates should ensure that the photograph captured is clear, without cap or spectacles, and with a full frontal view. Applications with photographs not in accordance with the instructions are liable to be rejected. In no case should the candidate capture the photographs of his/her pre-existing photograph. All such applications where the photographs of his/her pre-existing photograph is captured will be rejected.
- 9.5 Before submitting the Application Form, candidate must ensure that the photograph is captured as per the given instructions. If the photograph is not captured by the candidate in the desired format, his application/ candidature will be rejected or cancelled.
- 9.6 Candidates are required to upload the scanned signature in JPEG/JPG format (10 to 20 KB). Image dimension of the signature should be about 6.0 cm (width) x 2.0 cm (height). Applications with inappropriate photographs or blurred/ miniature photographs or signatures, not meeting the above requirements, will be rejected summarily.
- 9.7 Last date and time for submission of online applications is 17-08-2024 (23:00).
- 9.8 Candidates are advised in their own interest to submit online applications much before the closing date and not to wait till the last date to avoid the possibility of disconnection/ inability or failure to login to the SSC website on account of heavy load on the website during the closing days.
- 9.9 The Commission will not be responsible for the candidates not being able to submit their applications within the last date on account of the aforesaid reasons or for any other reason beyond the control of the Commission.
- 9.10 **Before submission of the online application, candidates must check through Preview/ Print option that they have filled correct details in each field of the application form. They should also check that photograph and signature are meeting all the above requirements. Candidates are advised to keep a copy of the application.**
10. **Application Fee:**
- 10.1 Fee payable: ₹100/- (Rs one hundred only).
- 10.2 Women candidates and candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) and Ex-servicemen (ESM) eligible for reservation are exempted from payment of fee.
- 10.3 **Fee can be paid only by online through BHIM UPI, Net Banking or by using Visa, Mastercard, Maestro, or RuPay Debit cards.**
- 10.4 Online fee can be paid by candidates up to 18.08.2024 (23:00 hours).
- 10.5 Candidates who are not exempted from fee payment must ensure that their fee has been deposited with SSC. If the fee is not received by SSC, status of the Application Form is shown as 'Incomplete' and this information is printed on the top of the

printout of online Application Form. Further, status of fee payment can be verified at the 'Payment Status' link provided in the candidate's login screen. Such applications which remain incomplete due to non-receipt of fee will be SUMMARILY REJECTED and no request for consideration of such applications and fee payment after the period specified in the Notice of Examination shall be entertained.

- 10.6 Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances will not be adjusted against any other examination or selection.

11. **Window for Application Form Correction [27.08.2024 to 28.08.2024 (2300 hours)]:**

- 11.1 After the closing date for receipt of online applications, the Commission will provide a period of 02 days to enable candidates to correct/modify online application parameters, wherein candidates will be allowed to re-submit applications after making requisite corrections/changes in the one-time registration/online application data as per their requirement.
- 11.2 A candidate will be allowed to correct and re-submit his modified/corrected application two times during the 'Window for Application Form Correction' i.e. if he has made mistake in his updated application also, he will be allowed to re-submit one more modified/corrected application after making requisite corrections/modifications. No more corrections in the application form will be allowed under any circumstances.
- 11.3 Only those candidates will be allowed to make corrections in the application form, whose completed online applications along-with payment of requisite fee, have been received by the Commission within the specified period.
- 11.4 **The Commission will levy a uniform correction charges of ₹ 200/- for making correction and re-submitting modified/corrected application for the first time and ₹ 500/- for making correction and re-submitting modified/ corrected application for the second time. The correction charges will be applicable to all candidates irrespective of their gender/category.**
- 11.5 The correction charges can be paid only by online mode through BHIM UPI, Net Banking or by using Visa, Mastercard, Maestro, or RuPay Debit cards.
- 11.6 The correction charges once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor will it be adjusted against any other examination or selection.
- 11.7 Subject to the receipt of applicable correction charges, the latest modified/ corrected application will be treated as the valid one and the previous application(s) submitted by such candidates will be cancelled.
- 11.8 If the applicable correction charges are not received by the SSC, status of Application Form is shown as 'Incomplete' and this information is printed on the top of the Application Form printout, such application shall not be accepted and the previously submitted application will remain valid.
- 11.9 Before submission of the corrected application, candidates must check that they have filled correct details in each field of the form. After expiry of 'Window for Application Form Correction', no Change/ correction/ modification will be allowed under any

circumstances. Requests received in this regard in any form like Post, Fax, Email, by hand, etc. shall not be entertained by the Commission and will be summarily rejected.

12. **Centres of Examination:**

12.1 A candidate must indicate the Centre(s) in the online Application Form in which he desires to take the examination. Details about the Examination Centres and Regional Offices under whose jurisdiction these Examination Centres are located are as follows:

S. No	Examination Centres & Centre Code	SSC Region and States/ UTs under the jurisdiction of the Region	Address of the Regional Offices/ Website
1	Bhagalpur (3201), Gaya (3203), Muzaffarpur (3205), Patna (3206), Purnea (3209), Agra (3001), Bareilly(3005), Gorakhpur (3007), Jhansi (3008), Kanpur (3009), Lucknow (3010), Meerut(3011), Prayagraj (3003), Varanasi (3013),	Central Region (CR)/ Bihar and Uttar Pradesh	Regional Director (CR), Staff Selection Commission, 34-A, Mahatma Gandhi Marg, Civil lines, Kendriya Sadan, Prayagraj – 211001. http://www.ssc-cr.org
2	Port Blair (4802), Ranchi (4205), Dhanbad (4206), Bhubaneswar (4604), Cuttack (4605), Sambalpur (4609), Gangtok (4001), Kolkata (4410)	Eastern Region (ER)/ Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Jharkhand, Odisha, Sikkim and West Bengal	Regional Director (ER), Staff Selection Commission, 1 st MSO Building, (8 th Floor), 234/4, Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Road, Kolkata, West Bengal-700020 www.sscer.org
3	Belagavi (9002), Bengaluru (9001), Hubballi (9011), Kalaburagi (Gulbarga)(9005), Mangaluru (9008), Mysuru (9009), Shivamogga (9010), Udupi (9012), Ernakulam (9213), Kollam(9210), Kottayam (9205), Kozhikode(9206), Thiruvananthapuram (9211), Thrissur (9212)	Karnataka, Kerala Region (KKR)/ Karnataka, Kerala and Lakshadweep.	Regional Director (KKR), Staff Selection Commission, 1 st Floor, "E" Wing, Kendriya Sadan, Koramangala, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560034 www.ssckkr.kar.nic.in

4	Raipur (6204), Bhopal (6001), Gwalior (6005), Jabalpur (6007), Bilaspur (6202), Indore (6006), Sagar (6015), Satna (6014), Ujjain (6016)	Madhya Pradesh Sub-Region (MPR)/ Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh	Dy. Director (MPR), Staff Selection Commission, 5th Floor, Investment Building, LIC Campus-2, Pandri, Raipur Chhattisgarh-492004 www.sscmpr.org
5	Itanagar (5001), Guwahati (Dispur) (5101), Churachanpur (5502), Silchar (5111), Imphal (5501), Shillong (5401), Aizwal (5701), Kohima (5303), Agartala (5601).	North Eastern Region (NER)/ Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura.	Regional Director (NER), Staff Selection Commission, Housefed Complex, Last Gate, Beltola-Basistha Road, P. O. Assam Sachivalaya, Dispur, Guwahati, Assam-781006 www.sscner.org.in
6	Delhi(2201), Ajmer(2401), Bikaner(2404), Jaipur(2405), Jodhpur(2406), Dehradun(2002), Haldwani(2003), Roorkee(2006)	Northern Region (NR)/ Delhi, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand	Regional Director (NR), Staff Selection Commission, Block No. 12, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 www.sscnr.net.in
7	Bathinda (1401) Chandigarh (1601), Hamirpur (1202) Shimla (1203) Jammu (1004) Samba (1010) Srinagar (1007), Leh (1005) Amritsar (1404) Patiala (1403)	North Western Sub-Region (NWR)/ Chandigarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh and Punjab	Dy. Director (NWR), Staff Selection Commission, Block No. 3, Ground Floor, Kendriya Sadan, Sector-9, Chandigarh- 160009 www.sscnwr.org
8	Guntur (8001), Kurnool (8003), Rajahmundry (8004), Tirupati (8006), Vijaywada (8008), Vishakhapatnam (8007), Puducherry (8401), Chennai (8201), Coimbatore (8202), Madurai (8204), Salem (8205), Tiruchirapalli (8206), Tirunelveli (8207), Hyderabad (8601), Warangal (8603).	Southern Region (SR)/ Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and Telangana.	Regional Director (SR), Staff Selection Commission, 2 nd Floor, EVK Sampath Building, DPI Campus, College Road, Chennai, Tamil Nadu-600006 www.sscsr.gov.in

9	Panaji (7801), Ahmedabad (7001), Rajkot (7006), Surat (7007), Vadodara (7002), Amravati (7201), Aurangabad (7202), Jalgaon (7214), Kolhapur (7203), Mumbai (7204), Nagpur (7205), Nanded (7206), Nashik (7207), Pune (7208).	Western Region (WR)/ Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, Gujarat and Maharashtra	Regional Director (WR), Staff Selection Commission, 1 st Floor, South Wing, Pratishtha Bhawan, 101, Maharshi Karve Road, Mumbai, Maharashtra-400020 www.sscwr.net
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- 12.2 A candidate may give option for three centres, in the order of priority, within the same region. **No request for change of Centre at any stage/Tier(s) of Examination will be considered later under any circumstances.** Hence, the candidates should select the centers carefully and indicate the same correctly in their applications.
- 12.3 The Commission will endeavor to accommodate the candidates in centres opted by them. However, the Commission reserves the right to cancel any Centre and ask the candidates of that Centre to appear from another centre. Commission also reserves the right to divert candidates of any Centre to some other Centre to take the examination.
- 12.4 The Regional Office, having jurisdiction over the Examination Centres opted by the candidate, will issue Admission Certificate to the candidates for the examination. All other activities related to this recruitment will be handled by the said Regional Office.

13. Scheme of Examination:

13.1 The details of the Computer Based Examination are mentioned below:

Part	Subject	No. of Questions	Maximum Marks	Total Duration
I	General Intelligence & Reasoning	50	50	2 Hours (2 hours and 40 minutes for the candidates eligible for scribe as per Para 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 of this Notice of examination)
II	General Awareness	50	50	
III	English Language and Comprehension	100	100	

- 13.2 Question paper will be of Objective Type Multiple Choice only. The questions will be set both in English & Hindi.
- 13.3 **There will be negative marking of 0.25 marks for each wrong answer in Computer Based Examination.** Candidates are, therefore, advised to keep this in mind while answering the questions.
- 13.4 Marks scored by candidates in the Computer Based Examination, if conducted in multiple shifts, will be normalized by using the formula published by the Commission *vide* Notice No: 1-1/2018-P&P-I dated 07-02-2019 and such normalized scores will be used to determine final merit and cut-off marks.
- 13.5 Tentative Answer Keys of Computer Based Examination will be placed on the website of the Commission after the Examination. Candidates may go through the Answer Keys and submit online representations, if any, within the time limit given by the Commission, on payment of Rs.100/- per question which is non-refundable. Representations on the matter received through any other

modalities; i.e., letter, application, email, etc. will not be entertained. Representation regarding the Answer Keys will be scrutinized by the Experts before finalizing the Answer Keys and the decision of the Commission in this regard will be final.

- 13.6 There shall be no provision for re-evaluation/ re-checking of scores of any stage/ paper(s) of the Examination. No correspondence in this regard shall be entertained.

14 **Indicative Syllabus for Computer Based Mode Examination:**

14.1 **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** It would include questions of both verbal and non-verbal type. The test will include questions on analogies, similarities and differences, space visualization, problem solving, analysis, judgment, decision making, visual memory, discriminating observation, relationship concepts, arithmetical reasoning, verbal and figure classification, arithmetical number series, non-verbal series etc. The test will also include questions designed to test the candidate's abilities to deal with abstract ideas and symbols and their relationship, arithmetical computation and other analytical functions.

14.2 **General Awareness:** Questions will be designed to test the ability of the candidates' general awareness of the environment around him and its application to society. Questions will also be designed to test the knowledge of current events and of such matters of everyday observation and experience in their scientific aspects as may be expected of an educated person. The test will also include questions relating to India and its neighboring countries especially pertaining to Sports, History, Culture, Geography, Economic scene, General Polity including Indian Constitution, and Scientific Research etc. These questions will be such that they do not require a special study of any discipline.

14.3 For VH candidates of 40% and above visual disability, there will be no component of Maps/Graphs/Diagrams/Statistical Data in the General Intelligence & Reasoning/ General Awareness Paper.

14.4 **English Language & Comprehension:** In addition to the testing of candidates' understanding of the English Language, its vocabulary, grammar, sentence structure, synonyms, antonyms and its correct usage, etc., his/ her writing ability would also be tested.

15 **Skill Test in Stenography:**

15.1 The candidates who are shortlisted in the Computer Based Examination will be required to appear in the Skill Test for Stenography. The candidates will be given one dictation for 10 minutes in English or Hindi (as opted by the candidates in the online Application Form) at the speed of 100 words per minute (w.p.m.) for the post of Stenographer Grade 'C' and 80 w.p.m. for the post of Stenographer Grade 'D'. The matter will have to be transcribed on computer. The transcription time is as follows:

S. No.	Post	Language of Skill Test	Time Duration (in minutes)	Time Duration (in minutes) for the candidates eligible for scribe as per Para 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 above
1	Stenographer Grade 'D'	English	50	70

2	Stenographer Grade 'D'	Hindi	65	90
3	Stenographer Grade 'C'	English	40	55
4	Stenographer Grade 'C'	Hindi	55	75

- 15.2 Candidates who opt to take the Stenography Test in Hindi will be required to learn English Stenography and vice versa after their appointment, failing which their probation may not be cleared by appointing departments / Organizations. Candidates have to work as English/Hindi stenographers as per the functional requirement of the User Office irrespective of the medium of Skill Test of candidate during the examination.
- 15.3 The Skill Test will be held at the Commission's Regional Offices or at other Centre(s) as may be decided by the Commission.
- 15.4 Detailed instructions, if any, regarding Skill Test will be provided by the concerned Regional Offices of the Commission to the candidates called for the Skill Test.
- 15.5 Standard instructions regarding modality of evaluation of Skill Test is available at the "For Candidates" Section on the Commission's website.

16 Admission to the Examination:

- 16.1 All candidates who register themselves in response to this advertisement by the closing date and time and whose applications are found to be in order and are provisionally accepted by the Commission as per the terms and conditions of this Notice of Examination, will be assigned Roll numbers and issued Admission Certificate (AC) for appearing in the Computer Based Examination. Subsequently, qualified candidates will be issued Admission Certificates for the next stages of the Examination.
- 16.2 The Commission will not undertake detailed scrutiny of applications for the eligibility and other aspects at the time of written examination and, therefore, candidature will only be accepted provisionally. Candidates must go through the requirements of educational qualification, experience, age, physical and medical standards etc. and satisfy themselves that they are eligible for the post(s). The certificates/documents in support of their Educational Qualifications and Caste/Category, etc. shall be sought at the time of Document Verification by the Indenting User Departments/Organizations. Physical and medical standards will be ascertained by the User Departments after the declaration of result. Candidates may also note that they would be required to submit their certificates/ documents of EQs/ caste/ category, etc. as and when sought by the User Department/ Organization. After scrutiny of the certificates/ documents of EQs/ caste/ category, etc., if any claim made in the application is not substantiated by certificates/ documents, the candidature of candidate will be cancelled.
- 16.3 Admission Certificates for computer based examination will be issued online on the websites of Regional Office concerned of the Commission. Candidates are therefore advised to regularly visit the websites of the SSC-HQ (i.e. <https://ssc.gov.in>) and Regional Office concerned of the Commission under whose jurisdiction the examination centres opted by the candidate are located (details at para 12.1).
- 16.4 Information about the Examination indicating the time table and City/ Centre of examination for the candidates will be uploaded on the websites of the Regional Office concerned of the Commission about 10-14 days before the date of examination. If any candidate does not find his detail on the website of the Commission, one week before the date of examination, he must immediately contact the Regional Office concerned of the Commission with proof of having submitted his application. Failure to do so will deprive him of any claim for consideration.

- 16.5 Candidates must write Registration-ID, registered Email-ID and Candidates must write Registration-ID, registered Email-ID and Mobile Number along with name, date of birth and name of the examination, while addressing any communication to the Commission. Communication from the candidate not furnishing these particulars shall not be entertained.
- 16.6 Facility for downloading of Admission Certificates will be available about 3- 7 days before the examination on the website of Regional Office concerned. Candidate must bring printout of the Admission Certificate to the Examination Hall.
- 16.7 **In addition to the Admission Certificate, it is mandatory to carry at least two passport size recent colour photographs, Original valid Photo-ID proof having the Date of Birth as printed on the Admission Certificate, such as:**
- 16.7.1 Aadhaar Card/ Printout of E-Aadhaar,
- 16.7.2 Voter's ID Card,
- 16.7.3 Driving License,
- 16.7.4 PAN Card,
- 16.7.5 Passport,
- 16.7.6 ID Card issued by University/ College/ School,
- 16.7.7 Employer ID Card (Govt./ PSU),
- 16.7.8 Ex-Serviceman Discharge Book issued by Ministry of Defence,
- 16.7.9 Any other photo bearing ID Card issued by the Central/ State Government.
- 16.8 If Photo Identity Card does not have the date of birth printed on it then the candidate must carry an additional original document (e.g. Matriculation Certificate, Marks Sheet issued only by CBSE/ ICSE/ State Boards; Birth Certificate, Category Certificate) in proof of their date of birth. In case of mismatch in the date of birth mentioned in the Admission Certificate and photo ID/ Certificate brought in support of date of birth, the candidate will not be allowed to appear in the examination.
- 16.9 PwBD/ PwD candidates availing the facility of scribes as per **Para 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3** shall also be required to carry requisite Medical Certificate/ Undertaking/ Photocopy of the Scribe's Photo ID Proof, as specified therein. Candidates without above noted documents will not be allowed to appear in the examination.
- 16.10 Any other document mentioned in the Admission Certificate shall also be carried by the candidates while appearing in the Examination.

17. Document Verification (DV):

- 17.1 Document Verification (DV) will be conducted by the User Departments/Organizations after declaration of the final result.**
- 17.2** Staff Selection Commission recruits personnel as per the vacancies reported by the User Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations. The Commission has no role in determination of total vacancies (Vertical & Horizontal) arising in a User Ministry/ Department/ Organization, backlog vacancies, segregation of vacancies under various reserved categories and vacancies reported to be filled up by direct recruitment.
- 17.3 The final result will be declared only once by the Commission and no further nomination of candidates would be made in the event of candidates not joining the offered posts. Thus, after the declaration of final result, vacancy(ies), if any, remaining unfilled due to non-availability of suitable candidates, non- joining of candidates or any other reason(s) will not be filled up in that recruitment year

and the Indenting Ministry/Department/Organization may carry forward those vacancies to the next recruitment cycle and report to the Commission as per the extant rules.

- 17.4 As per the policy of the Commission, SSC does not maintain Waiting list/Reserve panel for multi-factor examinations conducted by the Commission. In such cases, the Departments may take further action regarding carrying forward of vacancies in accordance with the extant rules.
- 17.5 Candidates have to bring two passport size recent colour photographs and one original Photo ID Proof as listed at Para 16.7 above while appearing for the Document Verification.
- 17.6 Candidates will have to bring original as well as copies of various documents as given below at the time of Document Verification by the User Departments/Organizations:
 - 17.6.1 Matriculation/ Secondary/Equivalent Certificate.
 - 17.6.2 Order/ letter in respect of equivalent Educational Qualifications, indicating the Authority (with number and date) under which it has been so treated, in respect of equivalent clause in Essential Qualifications, if a candidate is claiming a particular qualification as equivalent qualification
 - 17.6.3 Caste/ Category Certificate, if belongs to reserved categories.
 - 17.6.4 Persons with Disabilities Certificate in the required format, if applicable.
 - 17.6.5 For Ex-Servicemen (ESM):
 - 17.6.5.1 Serving Defence Personnel Certificate as per Annexure VI, if applicable.
 - 17.6.5.2 Undertaking as per Annexure-VII.
 - 17.6.5.3 Discharge Certificate, if discharged from the Armed Forces,
 - 17.6.6 Relevant Certificate if seeking any age relaxation.
 - 17.6.7 No Objection Certificate, in case already employed in Government/ Government undertakings.
 - 17.6.8 A candidate who claims change in name after matriculation on marriage or remarriage or divorce, etc. the following documents shall be submitted:
 - 17.6.8.1 In case of marriage of women: Photocopy of Husband's passport showing names of spouses or an attested copy of marriage certificate issued by the Registrar of Marriage or an Affidavit from husband and wife along with a joint photograph duly sworn before the Oath Commissioner;
 - 17.6.8.2 In case of re-marriage of women: Divorce Deed/ Death Certificate as the case may be in respect of first spouse; and photocopy of present husband's passport showing names of spouse or an attested copy of marriage certificate issued by the Registrar of Marriage or an Affidavit from the husband and wife along with joint photograph duly sworn before the Oath Commissioner.
 - 17.6.8.3 In case of divorce of women: Certified copy of Divorce Decree and Deed Poll/ Affidavit duly sworn before the Oath Commissioner.
 - 17.6.8.4 In other circumstances for change of name for both male and female: Deed Poll/ Affidavit duly sworn before the

Oath Commissioner and paper cuttings of two leading daily newspaper in original (One daily newspaper should be of the area of applicant's permanent and present address or nearby area) and Gazette Notification.

17.7.9 Any other document specified in the Admission Certificate for DV.

17.7 **It is reiterated that after scrutiny of the certificates/ documents of EQs/ caste/ category, etc., if any claim made in the application is not substantiated by certificates/ documents at the time of document verification, the candidature of candidate will be cancelled.**

18. **Post Preferences:**

18.1 **Preference for various posts and departments will be taken from the candidates through Online Option Form on the website of the Commission before declaration of final result.** A candidate will not be considered for a Post and Ministry/Department/Organization, if he has not indicated his preference for it. Options once submitted shall be treated as final and will not be changed subsequently under any circumstances. **Therefore, candidates must be careful in exercise of such options.**

18.2 **Candidates, who do not submit their post preference(s) on the website of the Commission within the stipulated time, will not be considered for any post in the Final Result. Such candidates shall not be provided with another opportunity to exercise preference for posts and will be solely responsible for the same. Any grievance received in this regard in any form like Post, Fax, Email, by hand, etc. shall not be entertained by the Commission and will be summarily rejected.**

18.3 Posts in BRO have stringent requirements of physical and medical standards including Physical Efficiency Test (Details available at **Annexure-XV**). Examination of such physical and medical standards will be conducted after the final selection of candidates by BRO. If a candidate fails in such tests, his candidature will not be subsequently considered for any other post/department. Candidates are therefore advised to go through thoroughly these requirements and submit their considered preference of posts.

18.4 **Candidates are advised to give maximum number of preferences to improve their possibility of selection.**

19. **Mode of Selection:**

19.1 Minimum qualifying marks in Computer Based Examination, are as follows:

- (i) UR: 30%
- (ii) OBC/EWS: 25%
- (iii) All Other Categories: 20%

19.2 In the online application form, candidate will have to indicate the posts for which they are applying *i.e.* Stenographer Grade 'C' or Stenographer Grade 'D' or both.

19.3 Based on the marks scored in the Computer Based Examination, candidates will be shortlisted, category-wise, to appear in the Skill Test(s) for the post(s) they have applied for.

19.4 Skill Test is mandatory but qualifying in nature. The Commission will fix category-wise qualifying standards in the Skill Test for each post. The candidates who qualify the Skill Test will be considered for final selection on the basis of their merit in the Computer Based Examination.

19.5 Final selection and allocation of Ministries/Departments will be made on the basis of the performance of candidates in the Computer Based Examination and the preference of Post(s)/Department(s) exercised by them.

- 19.6 Once a candidate has been allotted first available preference, as per their merit, they will not be considered for any other option. Therefore, candidates must exercise preference of Posts/Departments very carefully. The option/preference once exercised by the candidates will be treated as FINAL and IRREVERSIBLE. Subsequent request for change of Posts/Departments by candidates will not be entertained under any circumstances. If the candidate has not opted for a Post/Department, he/she shall not be considered for selection to such post irrespective of his/her merit position. Therefore candidates must exercise due diligence and be very careful while giving their post-preferences.
- 19.7 The Commission makes final allotment of posts on the basis of merit-cum- preferences of Posts/Departments given by the candidates and once a post is allotted, no change of posts will be made by the Commission due to non- fulfillment of any post specific requirements of physical/medical/educational standards or any other requirement. In other words, for example, if a candidate has given higher preference for a post and is selected for that post, in that case, if he/she fails to meet the medical/physical/educational, etc. standards of that post, his/her candidature will be rejected and he/she will not be considered for other preferences.
- 19.8 SC, ST, OBC, EWS, ESM and PwBD candidates, who are selected on their own merit without relaxed standards, will not be adjusted against the reserved share of vacancies. Such candidates will be accommodated against the general/unreserved vacancies in the post as per their position in the overall merit or vacancies earmarked for their category, whichever is advantageous to them. The reserved vacancies will be filled up separately from amongst the eligible SC, ST, OBC, EWS and PwBD candidates.
- 19.9 SC, ST, OBC, EWS, ESM and PwBD candidate who qualifies on the basis of relaxed standards; viz., age limit, experience or qualifications, permitted number of chances, extended zone of consideration, etc, irrespective of his/her merit position, is to be counted against reserved vacancies and not against unreserved vacancies. Such candidates may also be recommended at the relaxed standards to the extent of number of vacancies reserved for them, to make up for the deficiency in the reserved quota, irrespective of their rank in the order of merit. Insofar as cases of Ex-Serviceman are concerned, deduction of the military service rendered from the age of ex-servicemen is permissible against the reserved or unreserved posts and such exemption will not be termed as relaxed standards in regard to age. Similarly for PwBD candidates, relaxation of 10 years in upper age limit will not be termed as relaxed standards.
- 19.10 A person with benchmark disability who is selected on his/her own merit can be appointed against an unreserved vacancy provided the post is identified suitable for persons with benchmark disability of relevant category.
- 19.11 Success in the examination confers no right of appointment unless the Government is satisfied after such enquiry as may be considered necessary that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment to the service/post.
- 19.12 The candidates applying for the examination should ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility conditions for admission to the examination. Their admission at all stages of the examination will be purely provisional, subject to their satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. If, on verification, at any time before or after the written examination, it is found that they do not fulfill any of the eligibility conditions, their candidature for the examination will be cancelled.
- 19.13 Candidates, who are appointed on the basis of this examination, shall be on probation for a period of two years and during the period of probation, the would be required to undergo such training or pass such examinations as prescribed by the Controlling Authority. On successful completion of the period of probation, the candidates shall, if considered fit for permanent appointment, be confirmed to their post by the Controlling Authority.

- 19.14 Candidates selected for appointment are liable to serve anywhere in India; i.e., the posts carry All India Service Liability (AISL).
- 19.15 Candidates on final selection may be allotted a State/UT/Zone by the concerned User Organization/Office. Such candidates may be required to acquire the proficiency in local language of the allotted State/UT/Zone for confirmation of the candidates to the allotted posts by the concerned User Organization/Office.
- 19.16 If a candidate scoring more than cut-off marks in any Tier/Stage of the examination is not qualified for the subsequent stage/final selection due to any reason, he/she must represent to the concerned Regional Office of the Commission within two months of the declaration of the result or two weeks prior to the conduct of next stage of the examination, whichever is earlier.
- 19.17 If a candidate is finally selected and does not receive any correspondence from the Commission or the concerned User Organization/Office within a period of one year from the declaration of final result, he/she must communicate immediately thereafter with the concerned User Department / Organization.
- 19.18 It is reiterated that the final result will be declared only once by the Commission and no further nomination of candidates would be made in the event of vacancies left unfilled due to non-availability of suitable candidates, rejection of candidates during Document Verification by the User organization, non-joining of candidates, or any other reason. In such cases, the Ministry/Department/Organization may take further action regarding carrying forward of vacancies to the subsequent vacancy year(s) in accordance with the extant rules.
- 19.19 There shall not be any Waiting List/ Reserve List after declaration of Final Result.

20 Resolution of Tie Cases:

- 20.1 In cases where more than one candidate secure equal aggregate marks in the Computer Based Examination, tie will be resolved by applying following methods one after another until the tie is resolved:
- 20.1.1 Marks in Part-I (i.e. General Intelligence & Reasoning).
- 20.1.2 Marks in Part-II (i.e. General Awareness).
- 20.1.3 Date of birth, with older candidate placed higher.
- 20.1.4 Alphabetical order in which names of the candidates appear.

21 Action against candidates found guilty of misconduct:

- 21.1 If candidates are found to indulge at any stage in any of the malpractices listed below during the examination process, their candidature for this examination will be cancelled and they will be debarred from the examinations of the Commission for the period mentioned below:

S. No.	Type of Malpractice	Debarment period
1	Taking away any Examination related material such as Rough Sheets, Commission Copy of Admission Certificate, Answer Sheet etc. from the examination hall or passing it on to unauthorized person during the conduct of examination.	2 Years
2	Leaving the Examination Venue uninformed during the Examination	2 Years

3	Misbehaving, intimidating or threatening in any manner with the examination functionaries" i.e. Supervisor, Invigilator, Security Guard or Commission's representatives etc.	3 Years
4	Obstruct the conduct of examination/ instigate other candidates not to take the examination.	3 Years
5	Making statements which are incorrect or false, suppressing material information, submitting fabricated documents, etc.	3 Years
6	Obtaining support/influence for his/her candidature by any irregular or improper means in connection with his/her candidature.	3 Years
7	Possession of Mobile Phone in either "switched on" or "switched off" mode.	3 Years
8	Appearing in the same examination more than once in contravention of the rules.	3 Years
9	A candidate who is also working on examination related matters in the same examination.	3 Years
10	Damaging examination related infrastructure/ equipment.	5 Years
11	Appearing in the Exam with forged Admit Card, identity proof, etc.	5 Years
12	Possession of fire arms/weapons during the examination.	5 Years
13	Assault, use of force, causing bodily harm in any manner to the examination functionaries" i.e. Supervisor, Invigilator, Security Guard or Commissions representatives etc.	7 Years
14	Threatening/intimidating examination functionaries with weapons/fire arms.	7 Years
15	Using unfair means in the examination hall like copying from unauthorized sources such as written material on any paper or body parts, etc.	7 Years
16	Possession of Bluetooth Devices, spy cameras, and any other electronic gadgets in the examination hall.	7 Years
17	Impersonate/ Procuring impersonation by any person.	7 Years
18	Taking snapshots, making videos of question papers or examination material, labs, etc.	7 Years
19	Sharing examination terminal through remote desktop software/Apps/LAN/VAN, etc.	7 Years
20	Attempt to hack or manipulate examination servers, data and examination systems at any point before, during or after the examination.	10 Years

21.2 The Commission may also report the matter to Police/Investigating Agencies, as deemed fit and the Commission may also take appropriate action to get the matter examined by the concerned authorities/forensic experts, etc.

22 **Commission's Decision Final:** The decision of the Commission in all matters relating to eligibility, acceptance or rejection of the applications, penalty for false information, mode of selection, conduct of examination(s), allotment of examination centres and preparation of merit list and allocation of posts/departments, debarment for indulging in malpractices will be final and binding on the candidates and no enquiry/ correspondence will be entertained in this regard.

- 23 In accordance with the directions issued by DoP&T vide its O.M. No.39020/1/2016-Estt.(B) dated 21.06.2016 for increasing access of the unemployed candidates to job opportunities it has been decided that after declaration of final result the Commission will make the scores and rankings of unsuccessful candidates in the said open Competitive Examination conducted by the Commission available on its website in descending order of ranking. Accordingly, it has been decided that the following details of the candidates will be made available on its website: (i) Name of candidate. (ii) Father/Husband's name (iii) Date of Birth (iv) Category (UR/SC/ST/ OBC/EWS/PwD/ESM) (v) Gender of the candidate. (vi) Educational Qualifications. (vii) Total Marks obtained in the qualifying examination (viii) Ranking by which the merit is decided. (ix) Complete address (x) E-mail address However, the candidate will have the option, at the time of filling up of his/her application form, of opting out of disclosing the above details publicly. Accordingly, the scores and rankings in respect of only those candidates who have opted for disclosing the above details or have not exercised their option will be made available on the website of the Commission.
- 24 **Court's Jurisdiction:** Any dispute in regard to this recruitment will be subject to courts/ tribunals having jurisdiction over the place of concerned Regional/ Sub-Regional Office of the Commission where the candidate has appeared for the Computer Based Examination.
- 25 **Disqualifications:** No person, (a) who has entered into, or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living, or (b) who, having a spouse living has entered into, or contracted a marriage with any person shall be eligible for appointment to the service provided that the Central Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule
- 26 **Important Instructions to the Candidates:**

a	BEFORE APPLYING, CANDIDATES MUST TO GO THROUGH THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN THE NOTICE OF EXAMINATION VERY CAREFULLY. THE NOTICE OF EXAMINATION IS PRINTED BOTH IN ENGLISH AND HINDI. IN CASE OF ANY DISPUTE, THE ENGLISH VERSION WILL PREVAIL.
b	CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED IN THEIR OWN INTEREST TO SUBMIT ONLINE APPLICATIONS MUCH BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE AND NOT TO WAIT TILL THE LAST DATE TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF DISCONNECTION/ INABILITY OR FAILURE TO LOGIN TO THE SSC WEBSITE ON ACCOUNT OF HEAVY LOAD ON THE WEBSITE DURING THE CLOSING DAYS.
c	All the candidates, who wish to apply in response to this Notice and have not generated their One-Time Registration (OTR) on the new website of the Commission (i.e., https://ssc.gov.in) will be required to do so as the earlier OTR generated on the old website (https://ssc.nic.in) will not be functional for the new website. Subsequent to OTR, the candidates can proceed to fill the application for the examination. Once an OTR has been generated on the new website, it will continue to remain valid for all the examinations to be applied for on the new website. The detailed instructions for OTR are given in Annexure-III to this Notice.

d	<p>The Commission will not undertake detailed scrutiny of applications for the eligibility and other aspects at the time of written examination and, therefore, candidature will be accepted only provisionally. Candidates must go through the requirements of educational qualification, experience, age, physical and medical standards etc. and satisfy themselves that they are eligible for the post(s). The certificates/documents in support of their Educational Qualifications and Caste/Category, etc. shall be sought at the time of Document Verification by the Indenting User Departments/ Organizations. Physical and medical standards will be ascertained by the User Departments after the declaration of result. Candidates may also note that they would be required to submit their certificates/ documents of EQs/ caste/ category, etc. as and when sought by the Commission or the Indenting User Department/ Organization. After scrutiny of the certificates/ documents of EQs/ caste/ category, etc., if any claim made in the application is not substantiated by certificates/ documents, the candidature of candidate will be cancelled.</p>
e	<p>Candidates seeking reservation benefits available for SC/ ST/ OBC/ EWS/ PwBD/ ESM must ensure that they are entitled to such reservation as per eligibility prescribed in the Notice. They should also be in possession of the certificates in the prescribed format in support of their claim.</p>
f	<p>Candidates with benchmark physical disabilities will be considered as Persons with Disabilities and entitled to age-relaxation/reservation for Persons with Disabilities.</p>
g	<p>When application is successfully submitted, it will be accepted 'Provisionally' and status of the application will be indicated as 'Application Received (Contents Not Verified)'. Candidates should take printout of the online Application Form for their own records. Normally, printout of the 'Application Form' is not required to be submitted to the Commission.</p>
h	<p>Fee payable: ₹ 100/- (Rupees one hundred only). Women candidates and candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), ESM eligible for reservation and Persons with benchmark disability (PwBD) are exempted from payment of fee.</p>
i	<p>Only one online application is allowed to be submitted by a candidate for the Examination during normal period for submission of online applications, which does not include the period of 'Window for Application Form Correction'. Therefore, the candidates must exercise due diligence at the time of filling their online Application Forms. In case, more than one application of a candidate with different registration numbers is detected, all the applications will be rejected by the Commission and his candidature for the examination will be cancelled. If a candidate submits multiple applications and appears in the examination (at any stage) more than once, his candidature will be cancelled and he will be debarred from the examinations of the Commission as per rules.</p>
j	<p>After the closing date for receipt of online applications, the Commission will provide a period of 2 days to enable candidates to correct/ modify online application parameters, wherein candidates will be allowed to re-submit applications after making requisite corrections/ changes in the one-time registration/ online application data as per their requirement. This facility can be availed by online payment of stipulated correction charges as per details given at Para-11 of the Notice of Examination. Latest modified application will be treated as the valid one and the previous application(s) submitted by such candidates for the examination will be cancelled.</p>

k	<p>Before submission of the corrected/ final online application as the case may be, candidates must check that they have filled correct details in each field of the form. After submission of the corrected/ final online application form OR expiry of the period of 'Window for Application Form Correction', no change/ correction/ modification will be allowed under any circumstances. Requests received in this regard in any form like Post, Fax, Email, by hand, etc. shall not be entertained by the Commission and will be summarily rejected.</p>
l	<p>The candidates must write their name, date of birth, father's name and mother's name strictly as given in the matriculation certificate otherwise their candidature may be cancelled at the time of Document Verification or as and when it comes into the notice of the Commission / User Department.</p>
m	<p>Applications with inappropriate photographs or blurred/miniature signatures, not as per instructions, will be rejected summarily.</p>
n	<p>For applying, the candidate is not required to have a pre-existing photograph of himself / herself. The application module has been designed to capture a photograph of the candidate filling up the application form. The candidates should ensure that the photograph captured is clear, without cap or spectacles, and with full frontal view. In case the photograph captured is not as per instructions, the candidates are advised to recapture the photograph. In no case should the candidate capture the photographs of his/her pre-existing photograph. All such applications where the photographs of his/her pre-existing photograph is captured will be rejected. The appearance of a candidate in the examination should be as per the photograph in the application form.</p> <p>For capturing his / her photograph, the candidate has to stand / sit before the camera when prompted by the application module and follow the following instructions:</p> <p>(i) Find a place with good light and plain background.</p> <p>(ii) Ensure the camera is at eye level before taking the photo.</p> <p>(iii) Position yourself directly in front of the camera and look straight ahead.</p> <p>(iv) Ensure that your face is fully inside the red rectangular area delineated by the camera and that it is neither too close nor too far. It should cover the area fully and no part of the face should be outside the rectangle.</p> <p>(v) Candidates shouldn't wear a cap, mask or glasses/spectacles while capturing the photo.</p> <p>Candidates are required to upload the scanned signature in JPEG/JPG format (10 to 20 KB). Image dimension of the signature should be about 6.0 cm (width) x 2.0 cm (height). Applications with blurred/miniature Signature will be rejected summarily</p>
o	<p>Candidates must fill their correct and active e-mail addresses and mobile number in the online application as correspondence may be made by the Commission through e-mail/ SMS.</p>
p	<p>The Commission may use the Aadhaar data of the candidates for verification purpose subject to due authorization from competent authority. Instances of people trying to impersonate candidates during the examinations have been observed. Since the photograph is captured live during the filling up of the</p>

	<p>application form, there should not be any change in appearance of the candidate during the examination vis-à-vis the photograph in the application form. The candidates are, therefore, advised in their own interest to ensure that their appearance during the day of the examination is as per the photograph in application form. In no case should the candidate capture the photographs of his/her pre-existing photograph. All such applications where the photographs of his/her pre-existing photograph is captured will be rejected.</p>
q	<p>Candidates must carry two passport size recent colour photographs and one original Photo ID Proof such as Aadhaar Card/ printout of E-Aadhaar, Voter ID Card, Driving License, PAN Card, Passport, Identity Card issued by University/ College/ School, Employer ID Card (Govt./PSU), ESM Discharge Book issued by MoD, or any photo bearing ID card issued by Central/ State Government to the Examination Venue, failing which they will not be allowed to appear for the same. If Photo Identity Card does not have the Date of Birth printed in it, then the candidate must carry an additional original certificate (as listed at para-16.7) in proof of their Date of Birth. In case of mismatch in the date of birth mentioned in the Admission Certificate and Photo ID/ Certificate brought in support of date of birth, the candidate will not be allowed to appear in the examination. PwBD/PwD candidates using the facility of scribes as per Para 7 shall also be required to carry requisite Medical Certificate/ Undertaking/ Photocopy of the Scribe's Photo ID Proof, as specified therein.</p>
r	<p>Preference for various posts and departments will be taken from the candidates through Online Option Form on the website of the Commission before declaration of final result. A candidate will not be considered for a Post and Ministry/ Department/ Organization, if he has not indicated his preference for it. Options once submitted shall be treated as final and will not be changed subsequently under any circumstances. Therefore, candidates must be careful in exercise of such options. Candidates, who do not submit their post preference(s) on the website of the Commission within the stipulated time, will not be considered for any post in the Final Result. Such candidates shall not be provided with another opportunity to exercise preference for posts and will be solely responsible for the same. Any grievance received in this regard in any form like Post, Fax, Email, by hand, etc. shall not be entertained by the Commission and will be summarily rejected</p>
s	<p>In case of fake/ fabricated application/ registration by misusing any dignitaries name/ photo, such candidate/ cyber cafe will be held responsible for the same and liable for suitable legal action under cyber/ IT Act.</p>
t	<p>All the posts carry All India Service Liability (AISL) i.e. the candidate, on selection, may be asked to serve anywhere in the country.</p>
u	<p>If a candidate scoring more than cut-off marks at any Tier/ stage of the examination is not qualified for the subsequent stage/ final selection due to any reason, he must represent to the concerned Regional/ Sub-Regional Office of the Commission within two months of the declaration of the result or two weeks prior to the conduct of next stage of the examination, whichever is earlier.</p>
v	<p>If a candidate is finally selected and does not receive any correspondence from the Commission or the concerned User Department within a period of one year after declaration of result, he must communicate immediately thereafter with the concerned User Department.</p>

w	In the online application form, candidates are required to capture their photograph using the application module and not to have a pre-existing photograph of himself/herself. The Photograph should be without cap and spectacles. The frontal view of the face should be clearly visible. If the photograph is not captured by the candidate in the desired format, his application/candidature will be rejected.
x	Special attention is invited to the declaration at the end of the Application Form. Before agreeing to/signing the declaration, the candidates must go through the Application details filled in and the contents of the declaration itself and agree to/sign it only after satisfying themselves that the information furnished is correct. Any concealment/ misrepresentation/ misdeclaration shall lead to cancellation of candidature.
y	Candidates are requested to check the website of the Commission, viz., https://ssc.gov.in as well as website of the concerned Regional Office regularly for the latest updates in respect of the examination including those related to date of examination, vacancy position, etc.
z	Candidates may contact following Regional Help Lines for clarifications, if any, in respect of filling/ submitting applications and computer based examination: (i) Help Desk (SSC-HQ) 1800 309 3063 (Toll Free) (ii) SSC (CR), Allahabad 0532-2406000, 9452424060 (iii) SSC (ER), Kolkata 09477461228, 033 22902230, 9477461229 (iv) SSC (KKR), Bengaluru 080 25502520 (v) SSC (MPR), Raipur 0771 2960440 (vi) SSC (NER), Guwahati 9435052556, 9531456804 (vii) SSC (NR), New Delhi 011-24363343 (viii) SSC (NWR), Chandigarh 0172 2744366 (ix) SSC (SR), Chennai 09445195946, 044 28251139 (x) SSC (WR), Mumbai +91 7738422705 / 9869730700

Under Secretary
Staff Selection Commission (Headquarters)

Certificate regarding physical limitation in an examinee to write

This is to certify that, I have examined Mr/Ms/Mrs _____ (name of the candidate with disability), a person with _____ (nature and percentage of disability as mentioned in the certificate of disability), S/o / D/o _____ a resident of _____ (Village/District/State) and to state that he/ she has physical limitation which hampers his/ her writing capabilities owing to his/ her disability.

Signature Chief Medical Officer/ Civil Surgeon/ Medical Superintendent of a Government health care institution
Name & Designation Name of Government Hospital/ Health Care Centre with Seal

Place:

Date:

Note: Certificate should be given by a specialist of the relevant stream/ disability (e.g. Visual impairment-Ophthalmologist, Locomotor disability-Orthopedic specialist/ PMR)

Annexure-IA

Certificate for person with specified disability covered under the definition of Section 2 (s) of the RPwD Act, 2016 but not covered under the definition of Section 2(r) of the said Act, i.e. persons having less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing.

This is to certify that, we have examined Mr/Ms/Mrs(name of the candidate), S/o /D/o, a resident of(Vill/PO/PS/District/State), aged yrs, a person with (nature of disability/condition), and to state that he/she has limitation which hampers his/her writing capability owing to his/her above condition. He/she requires support of scribe for writing the examination.

2. The above candidate uses aids and assistive device such as prosthetics & orthotics, hearing aid (name to be specified) which is /are essential for the candidate to appear at the examination with the assistance of scribe.

3. This certificate is issued only for the purpose of appearing in written examinations conducted by recruitment agencies as well as academic institutions and is valid upto ___(it is valid for maximum period of six months or less as may be certified by the medical authority)

Signature of medical authority

(Signature & Name)	(Signature & Name)	(Signature & Name)	(Signature & Name)	(Signature & Name)
Orthopedic / PMR specialist	Clinical Psychologist / Rehabilitation Psychologist/Psychiatrist / Special Educator	Neurologist (if available)	Occupational therapist (if available)	Other Expert, a s nominated by the Chairperson (if any)
(Signature & Name)				
Chief Medical Officer/Civil Surgeon/Chief District Medical Officer.....Chairperson				

Name of Government Hospital/Health Care Centre with Seal

Place

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Date

Letter of Undertaking for Using Own Scribe

I _____, a candidate with _____ (name of the disability) appearing for the _____ (name of the examination) bearing Roll No _____ at _____ (name of the centre) in the District _____, _____ (name of the State/ UT) My qualification is _____

I do hereby state that _____ (name of the scribe) will provide the service of scribe/ reader/ lab assistant for the undersigned for taking the aforesaid examination

I do hereby undertake that his/ her qualification is _____ In case, subsequently it is found that his/ her qualification is not as declared by the undersigned and is not one step below my qualification, I shall forfeit my right to the post and claims relating thereto

(Signature of the candidate with Disability)

Place:

Date:

Letter of Undertaking by the person with specified disability covered under the definition of Section 2 (s) of the RPwD Act, 2016 but not covered under the definition of Section 2(r) of the said Act, i.e. persons having less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing

I _____, a candidate with _____ (nature of disability/condition) appearing for the _____ (name of the examination) bearing Roll No. _____ at _____ (name of the centre) in the District _____, _____ (name of the State). My educational qualification is _____.

2. I do hereby state that _____ (name of the scribe) will provide the service of scribe for the undersigned for taking the aforementioned examination.

3. I do hereby undertake that his qualification is _____. In case, subsequently it is found that his qualification is not as declared by the undersigned and is beyond my qualification. I shall forfeit my right to the post or certificate/diploma/degree and claims relating thereto.

(Signature of the Candidate)
(Counter signature by the parent/guardian, if the candidate is minor)

Place:

Date: